IN EE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING NE/S York Road, 155' SE of the c/l of Croftley Road (1517 York Road) 8th Election District 4th Councilmanic District J & D Enterprises, Inc.

Petitioners

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

◆ OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* Case No. 91-235-SPH

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## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioners herein request a special hearing to amend the previously approved site plan in Case No. 89-208-XA to modify Restriction 6 thereof to permit an existing garden shed used for the storage of property maintenance equipment only to remain in the D.R. 5.5 zoned portion of the subject property in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioners, by Donald S. Diffenderffer, appeared and testified. Appearing as a Protestant in the matter was Katy Thomsen, a nearby property owner. Phyllis Friedman, People's Counsel for Baltimore County, also appeared for the Protestant.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 1517 York Road, consists of 0.215 acres of which 0.178 acres are zoned R.O. and 0.037 acres are zoned D.R. 5.5. Said property was the subject matter of previous Case No. 89-208-XA in which Petitioners were granted a special exception and variances for a Class B office building, subject to restrictions, on March 29, 1989. Restriction 6 of the Order issued in said case required removal of the subject shed from the D.R. 5.5 zoned portion of the subject property. Petitioners subsequently requested a reconsideration of the matter and were advised to file the instant Petition to amend the relief granted. Petitioners argued that the shed is an accessory use to the office building. Mr. Diffenderffer testified that the shed is used

PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning Commissioner should approve

only, to remain in the DR5.5 zone.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

To amend the previously approved hearing plan and order in Zoning Case #89-20XA,

to modify Condition #6 to allow garden shed used for property maintenance equipment

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of the above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon files NN 12.4 ing of this Petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

Legal Owner(s):

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

Contract Purchaser:

(Type or Print Name)

Attorney for Petitioner.

City and State

(Type or Print Name)

materials used in the operation of his pest control business which operates from the office building. He testified the sole purpose of the shed is to store lawn equipment used to maintain the subject property. I believe the evidence is overwhelming in support of the uses as described by Petitioner.

Phyllis Friedman, Esquire appeared with the Protestant, Katy Thomsen. It is the Protestants' position that the shed is unsightly and offensive to the residential properties to the rear of the subject site. Further, they argue that the shed is an illegal use because it supports the commercial activity on the R.O. zoned portion of the site but is located on the D.R. zoned portion of the property.

The arguments presented on both sides of this particular case are valid. However, the fact remains that although the shed is used to store maintenance equipment which supports the commercial activities in the R.O. zoned portion of the site, the shed is located in a D.R. zone. In order for the shed to be accessory to the commercial uses on the subject property, it should be located in the R.O. zoned portion of the site.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the relief requested in the special hearing were not granted. In the opinion of the Zoning Commissioner, the subject shed is not unattractive, its use presents no harm to the community, and it will not adversely affect the surrounding residential uses. To require its removal would result in practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioner. In the opinion of the Zoning Commissioner, the relief requested meets the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations and will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare.

Team Design Concepts

Zoning Description

J & D ENTERPRISES, INC. PROPERTY

1517 York Rd., Lutherville, MD

December 6, 1990

Beginning for the same at a point on the northeast line of an existing 66 foot wide right-of-way for York Road, Maryland Route 45, said beginning point lying 155 feet more or less measured

southeasterly from the intersection of said right-of-way line with the centerline of existing Croftley Road, said point of beginning having the following approximate coordinates based on the Baltimore County grid system, viz: North 45,243 and West 397; thence leaving

said northeast right-of-way line and running the following three

courses and distances, viz: 1) North 73 degrees 45 minutes East,

150.0 feet; 2) South 16 degrees 15 minutes East, 52.0 feet; and 3) South 73 degrees 45 minutes West, 150.0 feet to intersect the

aforementioned existing northeast right-of-way line of York Road,

thence running with and binding upon said right-of-way line 4)

North 16 degrees 15 minutes West, 52.0 feet to the point of

Containing 0.179 acres more or less and lying within the Eight

Election District of Baltimore County, Maryland.

to store miscellaneous lawn and garden tools and is not used to store any

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore day of April, 1991 that the site plan previously approved in Case No. 89-208-XA and, specifically, Restriction 6 thereof be amended to permit the existing garden shed used for the storage of property maintenance equipment only to remain in the D.R. 5.5 zoned portion of the subject property and as such, the Petition for Special Hearing is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction which are conditions precedent to the relief granted:

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and pub-

lic hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the

special hearing should be granted.

1) The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all other terms, conditions, relief and restrictions set forth in the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law in zoning case No. 89-208XA is reaffirmed, reenacted and ratified.

> 之oning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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NOTICE OF HEARING The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 Case Number: 91-235-SPH NE/S York Road, 155\* +/-SELY of c1 Crottley Road 1517 York Road 8th Election District 4th Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Petitioner(s): J & D Enterprises Hearing Date: Friday, March 15, 1991 at 10:00 Special Hearing: to amend the previously approved hearing plan and Order in Zoning Case No. 89-208-XA, to modify Condition #6 to allow garden shed used for property maintenance equipment only, to remain in the

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in TOWSON TIMES. a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of \_ weeks, the first publication appearing on  $\frac{3-30}{19}$ . 19

TOWSON TIMES,

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

1517 York Road

April 22, 1991

887-3353

Mr. Donald S. Diffenderffer J & D Enterprises

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING NE/S York Road, 155' SE of the c/l of Croftley Road (1517 York Road) 8th Election District - 4th Councilmanic District J & D Enterprises, Inc. - Petitioners Case No. 91-523-A

Dear Mr. Diffenderffer:

Lutherville, Maryland 21093

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Special Hearing has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, Robert Jaines . ROBERT HAINÉS Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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J/T/2/158 Feb. 20.

J. ROBERT HAINES

1517 York Road 8th Election District

4th Councilmanic
Petitioner(s):
J & D Enterprises

as follows:

cc: Ms. Katy Thomsen 1523 Pickett Road, Lutherville, Md. 21093

People's Counsel

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of \_\_\_\_ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on  $2 \times 20$ , 19

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I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, D.

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under the penalties of perjury, that I/ve are the legal owner(s) of the property of

which is the subject of this Petition.

maid & Diffenderffer

J & D Enterprises

(Type or Print Name)

1517 York Road

City and State

ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this

of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation through-

out Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning

renulary, 1991, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as

<u>Lutherville, MD 21093</u>

Name, address and phone number of legal owner, con-

tract purchaser or representative to be contacted

Phone 301/337-0075

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Baltimore County Zoning Commisioner County Office Building

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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Baltimore County Government
Zoning Commissioner

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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DATE: 3-11-91

J & D Enterprises 1517 York Road Lutherville, Maryland 21093

ATTN: DONALD S. DIFFENDERFFER

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Dear Petitioner(s):

Please be advised that \$ //4.9/ is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned property.

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. Bring the check and the sign & post set(s) to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 113, Towson, Maryland fifteen (15) minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin.

ZONING COMMISSIONER BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

887-3353

January 31, 1991

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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Zoning Commissioner of

cc: J & D Enterprises

Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

March 7, 1991

887-3353

Mr. Donald S. Diffenderffer J & D Enterprises 1517 York Road Lutherville, MD 21093

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

RE: Item No. 242, Case No. 91-235-SPH Petitioner: Donald S. Diffenderffer Petition for Special Hearing

Dear Mr. Diffenderffer:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD RETURN YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO MY OFFICE, ATTENTION JULIE WINIARSKI. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS, PLEASE CONTACT HER AT 887-3391.

Enclosures

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 3rd day of January, 1990.

Petitioner: J & D Enterprises Petitioner's Attorney:

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

DATE: February 26, 1991

Pat Keller, Deputy Director

Office of Planning and Zoning SUBJECT: J & D Enterprises, Item No. 242

The petitioner requests an amendment to 89-208-XA in order to keep a garden shed that was to be removed by July 1, 1989. At the time of the hearing for this site, staff visited the property and made recommendations that were adopted as part of the Zoning Commissioner's decision (Condition 9).

The issue regarding the garden shed stemmed from community concerns raised at the hearing. The Office of Planning and Zoning did not comment on the shed at that time. Potential issues regarding the shed are listed below as follows:

- Use the actual use of the shed could have some impact.
   The shed should be used for storage of garden and exterior building maintenance equipment only, such as lawnmowers,
   ladders, etc.
- 2. Security the shed may be illuminated for security purposes and the lighting may impact the adjoining residences. No exterior lighting of the shed should be
- 3. Maintenance because the shed is an accessory building maintenance may become a problem. The shed should be maintained in good repair.
- Location the shed is located at the rear of the property within proximity to the adjoining residential community. A well maintained board fence has been placed along the rear property line, thus screening the shed. A complimentary buffer might include some evergreen planting in addition to the existing trees.

If the presence of the shed generates use, security, maintenance or location problems and it is not desirable or possible to mitigate these problems as noted above, then the shed should be removed in conformance with 89-208-XA. It is unknown if the petitioner needs this accessory building to store items due to limited space within

received

J & D Enterprises, Item No. 242 Page 2

the principal structure or if the financial cost of removal is too

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Arnold F. (Pat) Keller, III in the Office of Planning at 887-3211.

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February 26, 1991

Baltimore County Government
Department of Public Works Bureau of Traffic Engineering

401 Bosley Avenue Suite 405 Towson, MD 21204

Fax 887-5784

January 11, 1991

Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Haines:

The Bureau of Traffic Engineering has no comments for items number 222, 234, 235, 237, 238, 240, 242, and 243.

Very truly yours, Kake of tumble Rahee J. Famili Traffic Engineer II

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